

LUDWIG EDWARD J  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
LUDWIG EDWARD J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BECTON DICKINSON & CO  
[BDX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/01/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman, President and CEO

C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY, 1 BECTON DRIVE  
(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	Amount				(A) or (D)
Common Stock	12/01/2005		G	V	5,000	D	\$ 0	110,196	D	
Common Stock	12/05/2005		G	V	600	A	\$ 0	109,596	D	
Common Stock	12/08/2005		G	V	1,000	D	\$ 0	108,596	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2005		M		20,000	A	\$ 24.8125	128,596 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2005		S		19,000	D	\$ 58.6677	109,596	D	



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- (2) Represents shares of common stock held under the Becton, Dickinson and Company Savings Incentive Plan (the "SIP"). The information presented for the SIP is as of November 30, 2005.
- (3) The option became 50% exercisable on January 27, 1999 and fully exercisable on January 27, 2000.

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